TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1063 - HB 1194

March 5, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Modifies the standard of review for appeals of a magistrate's decision to the juvenile court judge from de novo to abuse of discretion.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 31-1-107(d), any party may, within 10 days after entry of the magistrate's order file a request with the court for a de novo hearing by the judge of the juvenile court.
- This legislation will modify the standard of review for appeals from reviewing from the beginning and highest level of scrutiny to abuse of discretion.
- Passage of this legislation will not significantly increase the number of juveniles being committed to the Department of Children Services (DCS); therefore, any fiscal impact to DCS is not significant.
- The proposed legislation would not result in a significant increase in caseloads for the state and local courts. Any increase in expenditures will be absorbed within existing state and local government resources and personnel.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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